

JOINT TASK FORCE - FULL ACCOUNTING
BIOGRAPHIC/SITE REPORT AS OF 25 OCTOBER 1993

===== BIOGRAPHIC INFORMATION =====

REFNO: 1181-1-01 (ACCNO 0776) Status: (F) DEAD BODY NOT RECOVERED
Name: GIST, TOMMY EMERSON Date Status assigned: 30 May 1974

Nationality	AMERICAN	Race	CAUCASIAN	Blood Chit	
Service	AIR FORCE	Sex	MALE	Blood type	O +
Grade	03	Hair	BROWN	Complexion	FAIR
SSAN	DATA	Eyes	BLUE	Weapon	.38 CAL PISTOL
Serial No	003109484	Height	71 in / 1.80 mtrs	Weapon No	K616317
Birth date	29 Oct 1939	Weight	177 lb / 80.2 kg	Duty pos	NAVIGATOR
Home State	OKLAHOMA	Religion	PROTESTANT	PW Camp	

===== SITE INFORMATION =====

INCIDENT LOCATION (0) LAST KNOWN LOCATION (1)

Site Type:	WATER SITE	
UTM:	48QXE720390	48QXE677412
Lat/Long:	173156N / 1063714E	171052N / 1063439E
Country:	OVER WATER - VN	
Military Region:	\$	
Mission Province:	QUANG BINH	
(formerly):		
Mission District:	DONG HOI TOWN	
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Local Analysis:	None.	

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Nationality	AMERICAN	Race	MONGOLOID	Blood Chit	
Service	AIR FORCE	Sex	MALE	Blood type	
Grade	03	Hair	BLACK	Complexion	
SSAN	DATA	Eyes		Weapon	.38 CAL PISTOL
Serial No	3085365	Height	in / 0.00 mtrs	Weapon No	K626100
Birth date		Weight	lb / 0.0 kg	Duty pos	PILOT
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ON 1 SEP 93, THE VIETNAMESE TURNED OVER A DOCUMENT TITLED "LIST OF DECEASED U.S. SOLDIERS THAT WERE BURIED (GRAVE SITE UNDETERMINED)." EACH CASE ON THE LIST WAS FOLLOWED BY THE COMMENT "BURIAL SITE CANNOT BE LOCATED; CONCLUDED THAT GRAVE SITE IS INDETERMINABLE." ENTRY NUMBER 54 ON THE VIETNAMESE DOCUMENT CORRELATED WITH REFNO 1181. MOST OF THE REFNOs LISTED ON THIS DOCUMENT APPEARED ON A U.S. LIST OF 84 CASES FOR WHICH U.S. ANALYSTS BELIEVE THE VIETNAMESE SHOULD HAVE ADDITIONAL INFORMATION. (REF 8)

1 November 1993

ON 17 DEC 92, THE SRV PROVIDED A DOCUMENT TITLED, "REGISTER OF U.S. GRAVES IN QUANG BINH PROVINCE." LINE ENTRY #42 CORRELATES TO REFNO 1181 BASED ON INCIDENT DATE AND LOCATION OF LOSS. (REF 9)